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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

COSIMO DONNO, ET AL.

Application No. 09/854,227

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: CONNECTION OF A BONE
SCREW TO A BONE

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from December 17, 2002 to January 17, 2003 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, please amend this application as indicated below.

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